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MAYORS OF MAINLAND CITIES WRITE TO HONOLULU ON COMMISSION PLAN

The Star-Bulletin Presents to Readers Results of Inquiry as to Experiences of Many Municipalities With "Short Ballot", City Manager and other Progressive Ideas—Investigation Made Because of Approaching Charter Convention—Mayor Albee of Portland Today Tell of Big Oregon City's Operation

The Star-Bulletin begins today the publication of a series of letters from mainland mayors and other city officials dealing with the "short-ballot" or commission form of government, the city manager plan and other progressive civic ideas. These letters are the result of inquiries which this paper directed several weeks ago to leading city officials in municipalities where the "short-ballot" government has been tried; also in some cases where it has not been tried and the old systems still prevail.

The inquiry was prompted by the approach of the city charter convention authorized by the last legislature. This convention meets next month and is authorized to make a radical revision of the city's charter. The result of the convention's deliberations will be referred to the next legislature in the form of an act amending the charter, and may be adopted by the legislature and thus put in force for Honolulu.

In the belief that Honolulu may learn much of interest from the experiences of other American cities, the Star-Bulletin undertook to secure first-hand information from men in a position to know and whose comments will be illuminating.

The editor of the Star-Bulletin directed the following letter to the mayor or city manager of a number of cities which have adopted modern charters:

"Dear Sir:
"Honolulu is planning to revise its city charter with a strong movement in favor of the 'short-ballot' or commission form of city government. Knowing that your city is interested in progressive municipal methods, I take the liberty of asking you if you could briefly suggest to me, to be given publicity among our people here, some of the features which seem to you most desirable, together with the experience of your city in modern charter provisions.

"May I ask for your attitude toward the following:
"Initiative and referendum.
"Recall.
"City manager plan.
"Short-ballot or commission plan.

"I should greatly appreciate suggestions based on your city's experience or the experience of other municipalities to which you can refer. Particularly am I anxious to learn what effect commission government or the city manager plan is having in the matter of 'overhead charges' for running the city and in all-around efficiency of administration.

"We should appreciate also a copy of your present city charter and any literature bearing on the subject that is available. Honolulu is striving toward a representative and efficient American city government and suggestions from those who can speak with authority will be of very direct value in helping us solve an important problem."

In answer to this extremely interesting letter, answers are coming in. Today the Star-Bulletin publishes the answer of Mayor H. R. Albee of Portland, Ore., a city which has given the commission plan a thorough trial. Portland's experience is interesting because the city has a number of problems similar to Honolulu's. Furthermore, Portland is close to the 200,000 class in population. An objection has been made that the commission plan is unworkable in large cities, but Dayton, O., and Portland are disproving this.

Mayor Albee writes:

"July 30, 1915.
"Riley H. Allen, Editor,
"Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Dear Sir:
"I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., with its inquiry as to the success of commission government in this city, with special attention to the features of the initiative and referendum, recall and the city manager plan.

"Replying thereto I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter written in answer to a similar inquiry and believe it will give you as much information as anything I could say at this time. As to the city manager plan of government, I am not in position to give advice or information regarding it, since such a plan has never been tried in this city. I believe Dayton, O., is the largest city in this country now using the city manager plan.

"Trusting this information may be of use to you, I am,
"Yours very truly,
"H. R. ALBEE,
"Mayor."

Mayor Albee's enclosed statement is as follows:

"Dear Sir: I take great pleasure in complying with your request for information concerning the operation of commission government in Portland. Before taking up numerically the questions which you submit, please permit me to say that I regard commission government as a great forward step in the realization of the ambition of American municipalities for better government. While it is true, as I have always held, that the officials who administer have much to do with

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ACHI PROPOSES 'SHORT BALLOT' CHARTER DRAFT

Delegate to Coming Convention Submits Ideas for Radical Revision

WOULD ELECT MAYOR AND FOUR SUPERVISORS

Auditor Would Also Be Elective—Other Officials and Employees Appointive

A complete draft of a new city charter, prepared by W. C. Achi, will be ready for consideration when the charter revision convention meets next month.

Achi's plan, on which, as published several weeks ago, John H. Wise has also been working and with which he agrees in principle, calls for the "short-ballot" system. The mayor, four supervisors and the auditor are the only elected officers. Each member of the board of supervisors heads a specific department. The mayor heads the department of public affairs, and the other departments are: Accounts and finances, law and order, public works, health and schools.

The mayor is to receive \$3600 a year, the supervisors and auditor \$3000 each.

Achi's draft is in the form of an amendment to the territorial act which is the present city and county charter. It is well understood that the coming convention cannot finally create a new charter but must refer the results of its work to the 1917 legislature. Achi's charter draft is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Hawaii:

Section 1. Section 1633 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1633. The Board of Supervisors shall consist of a Mayor and four members. Each of whom must be at the time of his election an elector of said City and County, and must have been such for at least two years next preceding his election."

Section 2. Section 1625 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1625. All ordinances and resolutions shall be deposited with the Auditor of the City and County, who shall record the same in full in a suitable book."

Section 3. Section 1654 of the Revised Laws of Hawaii is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

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PROMOTION BODY AND CHAMBER TO TAKE UP SCHEME

Every Effort Will Be Made to Make Arrangements to Secure Great Northern

Active steps toward making possible the securing of the big liner Great Northern to relieve the passenger steamer congestion which will become acute when the Pacific Mail goes out of business November 2, will be taken this week by the Hawaii Promotion Committee, provided a quorum of five members can be secured.

This was stated today by Chairman Berndt and Acting Director A. P. Taylor of the committee, following the Star-Bulletin's publication Saturday of a letter from H. P. Wood, the committee's representative in San Francisco, to Chairman Berndt, stating that with the cooperation of large shippers here and a reasonable guaranty of freight business the big liner, the fastest steamer on the Pacific, may be placed on the San Francisco-Honolulu run.

Chairman Berndt said today that the Promotion Committee will, of course, act through the Chamber of Commerce. "The committee will discuss the plan and I am quite sure will favor the Chamber of Commerce asking Traffic Manager Stone to come here and present whatever proposition he may offer," he said. "It is up to the large importers to think over what can be done in the way of furnishing business to clinch this fine tourist proposition."

"We would have held the meeting right away if it were not for the new rule of the committee requiring five members for a quorum," said Mr. Taylor this morning. "I hope to be able to obtain a quorum this week, at which the proposition will be taken up in earnest."

"Some time ago I compiled a statistical report for Industrial Agent Douglas White, who was here with Louis Hill and General Traffic Manager C. E. Stone of the Great Northern Steamship Company on the Great Northern's call here a few months ago. This report went into the details of harbor facilities, wharfage rates, fuel oil and water costs, trade conditions, freight tonnage and other statistical data."

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WINTER INSISTS OPIUM CHARGE IS RESULT OF SPITE

Declares Federal Official at Coast Tried to Induce Him to Be "Stool Pigeon"

LATER HE MADE THREAT HE'D SURELY "GET" HIM

Officer Swore He Would Spend \$1000 From Own Pocket to 'Land' Man Under Arrest

"I am no stool pigeon, and therefore not of very much use to the government, I guess. Probably that is why I am in Honolulu today."

E. P. Winter, former quartermaster of the steamer Siberia, made the foregoing statement this morning when asked if he had anything to say for publication. In company with James W. Jensen, office deputy U. S. marshal of San Francisco, he arrived in the steamer Sonoma today to answer charges of having smuggled into this city opium valued at about \$2000.

Winter claims that he is not an opium smuggler, and also that he is not that sort of a man who will "peach" on his friends, even if he is in a tight fix himself. His recent arrest in San Francisco for opium smuggling, he claims, is spite work on the part of a certain government official.

"When the Siberia got into Honolulu the latter part of June I left the ship because of certain trouble with the crew. A few days later I took a steamer for San Francisco. It was after I arrived there that I learned some opium was smuggled ashore at Honolulu from the Siberia," said Winter.

"Shortly after I was told that a certain federal official wanted to see me in his office. This official and I had had some trouble before. He didn't like me very well, I guess. About a year ago he tried to have me turn stool pigeon and I refused. 'Well, I went to this official's office and he asked me who had done the job at Honolulu. I told him that I didn't know. If I had known I would not have told him. Then he said that he was going to 'get' me for the job, and I told him to go ahead. 'I was arrested all right. I was due to get to Honolulu on the 27th of this month, but I pushed the thing and consequently I am here ahead'."

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CARDEN NAMED SECOND DEPUTY IN CITY OFFICE

A. M. Brown Selects Former Classmate of First Deputy, Albert M. Christy

William T. Carden of the firm of Thompson & Milverton was today appointed to the position of second deputy in the city and county attorney's office by City and County Attorney Arthur M. Brown. Announcement of the appointment of Albert M. Christy as first deputy was published in the Star-Bulletin on Saturday.

Both Christy and Carden were graduated from the Harvard law school, having been classmates in that institution and members of the class of 1914.

Mr. Carden, who is a native of Honolulu, was born here 27 years ago. He was graduated from the old Honolulu high school in 1905 and went from here to the University of California, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1911. Following the university course, Mr. Carden took the three-year course at Harvard law school, and returned to this city after his graduation. He has been with the firm of Thompson & Milverton for more than a year.

Attorney Brown, in making the announcement of his second deputy, says that he feels he has now a corps of office assistants of splendid worth. "I am glad to have these two young men in the office," says Mr. Brown, "for the recommendations with which they come to me guarantee their worth. The fact that all three of us are in new positions shall only urge us on to greater efforts."

"In general, I shall handle the criminal work, as I have previous to this time under Mr. Cathcart, and both of the deputies will assist me more or less. Mr. Christy, as first deputy, will serve largely as adviser to the board of supervisors and the city officials, and the second deputy will serve with him in that line."

"Harry T. Lake, who has been connected with the office as detective for a long period of faithful service, will remain with me. He has charge of the subpoenaing of witnesses and securing evidence on cases coming up for trial."

"Mrs. Morse as stenographer and Patrick Silva as clerk will also be retained. Mr. Carden will come into the office next Monday morning."

RUSSIAN ARMY IN IMMINENT DANGER FROM GERMAN DRIVE

RUMOR HE DECLINES JAPANESE PORTFOLIO



Viscount Suteki Chinda, ambassador at Washington.

JAPAN'S CABINET SLOWLY FORMING

Premier Okuma Finds it Difficult to Replace Kato, of Foreign Office

(Associated Press by Federal Wireles)
TOKIO, Japan, August 9.—The reconstructed cabinet will be installed tomorrow. The newspapers declare that it has been found very difficult to replace Baron Kato, minister of foreign affairs, who steadfastly refused to reconsider his resignation. It is reported that Ambassador Motono, now at Petrograd; Inouye, at London, and Chinda, at Washington, have all declined the foreign portfolio.

(Special cable to Nippon Jiji)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 9.—Reorganization of the cabinet as perfected here today places Count Okuma as premier and temporary minister of foreign affairs. The other members of the cabinet are as follows: Minister of commerce and agriculture, H. Kono; minister of interior, K. Ishiki; minister of finance, T. Taketomi; minister of education, S. Takata; minister of justice, Y. Ozaki; minister of war, Lieut. Gen. I. Oka; minister of the navy, Lieut. Admiral T. Kato. Count Okuma will serve as minister of foreign affairs only until a permanent appointment can be made. Ministers Kono, Ozaki and Oka served on the previous cabinet.

HAYTI REBELS NOW RECOGNIZE POWER OF U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Admiral Caperton, who has been sent to preserve order during the Hayti revolutions, has taken charge of the customs office at Cape Haitien. The revolutionist leader, Dr. Rosalie Bobo, has resigned, dismissed his cabinet and ordered all his generals to deposit their arms with the Americans in charge.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP PROSPECT FOR THE STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—The United States is to have a bumper wheat crop this year according to figures made public today at the department of agriculture. The estimate is for 966,000,000 bushels, condition 93.4.

BUDDHISTS TO OFFER TO AID WILSON TO BRING WAR TO END

(Special cable to Nippon Jiji)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—Resolutions calling for an end of the great world war were passed today at the International Buddhist congress in session here. High Priest Hoki of the Sodoitsu sect of Japan, and Bishop

TEUTONS CUTTING DEFENSES; ALLIES HELD ON THE WEST; TURK BATTLESHIP IS SUNK

SUBMARINE TORPEDOES KHEYRIDEN BARBAROSSA, MAJORITY ABOARD ESCAPING—FRENCH OFFENSIVE IN ARGONNES STOPPED—ITALIANS CAPTURE CADORE AND MENACE TRIESTE—RUMOR OF GERMAN RUSSIAN PEACE OVERTURES ARE DENIED IN COURT CICLES TODAY

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireles]

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 9.—Official—The German forces have occupied Praga, a suburb of Warsaw.

From the north Gen. von Hindenberg's army, which has been operating in Courland, is approaching the fortress of Kovno. The strong fortress of Novogeorgievsk is in danger, as the Russian line has been cut east of it, between the Narew and Vistula rivers. Numerous prisoners have been taken by the Germans.

Ivangorod Still Held by Russians But in Danger of Dividing Forces

VIENNA, Austria, Aug. 9.—The Russians have been defeated in fighting at Lubartov and Miechow. Unless the garrison holding Ivangorod retreats to protect the lines which are being driven back, there is danger that it will be cut off entirely and the Russian forces divided.

Turkish Battleship, Formerly German, Sunk by Submarine; Majority Saved

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Aug. 9.—Official—The Turkish battleship Kheyriden (Haireddin) Barbarossa, formerly the German battleship Kurfirst Friedrich Wilhelm, has been sunk by submarines. The majority of the crew have been saved.

This battleship was of 10,000 tons displacement, with a speed of 17 knots. She dated from 1891 but was rebuilt in 1900 and purchased by the Turkish government in 1910.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 9.—The Germans have sunk by submarine the Swedish steamer Mai. The captain and nine of the crew are missing.

Germans Say French Move Checked

BERLIN, Germany, Aug. 9.—Official—The French offensive movement in the Argonne district has been checked, the French suffering heavy losses when repulsed by the Germans.

German-Russian Peace Plan Denied

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Aug. 9.—Court circles unqualifiedly deny any knowledge of the reported German-Russian peace overtures. For several days past there have been rumors that a peace movement is on foot.

Italians Capture Town of Cadore

ROME, Italy, Aug. 9.—The Italians have captured the Austrian border stronghold of Cadore.

Mexican Outlaws Commit Further Outrages; Carranza is Obdurate

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, August 9.—Further shooting of American citizens in bandit fighting around or near the border is reported today. Five Americans, including three soldiers, have been wounded and five Mexicans, one of them a woman, killed at Norias. Fifteen Americans resisted a gang of 80 bandits for an hour. Their ammunition was exhausted and they were on the point of capture when 17 rangers from across the border arrived with timely succor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—It is announced by Carranza officials that the Brazilian minister to Mexico has been withdrawn by his government because Carranza had prepared to expel him as he did the Guatemalan minister. It is believed Carranza's summary action is the result of the participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the Pan-American conference suggested by the United States to end the Mexican chaos. Carranza's attitude has dashed the hopes that he will agree to any peace plan the conference suggests.

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NOTED SHRINER VETERAN DIES

ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 9.—C. F. Loder, imperial potentate emeritus of the Shriners, died here today.

Uchida of the Hongwanji mission at San Francisco, were chosen as representatives from the congress to wait upon President Wilson and discuss terms of peace. The two will leave at once for Washington.

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATOR DEAD

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireles]
HARTFORD, Conn., August 9.—Dr. P. D. Bergin, former president of the Christian College at Shantung, China, and a noted missionary educator, died at his home here today.

Experience is a great teacher, but even experience can't teach some people.